

Remarks

This preliminary amendment is submitted in response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers of February 13, 2004. In the Notice, the second drawing figure was found not compliant as lacking a proper label. Additionally, Fig. 3 was described in the specification, but not included in the drawings. As neither option (I) nor (II) identified in the Notice applies to the present application, Applicant is selecting option (III) and submitting this Preliminary Amendment to delete the references to Figure 3 and make a few clerical changes to the specification and drawings. No new matter has been added.

With regard to the references in the specification to Figure 3, paragraphs [0012]-[0014] have been amended to reflect that the present application only includes two drawing figures. Paragraph [0022] has also been amended to delete the reference to Figure 3.

With regard to the remainder of the specification, several paragraphs have been amended to more clearly describe the invention depicted in the drawings and set forth in the claims as filed. In particular, paragraphs [0002] and [0003] have been amended to more clearly describe conventional heating systems. Paragraph [00010] was amended to clarify the terminology used in describing the present invention relative to conventional systems. Paragraphs [0017] and [0018] were amended to more particularly describe the flow paths of the present invention, as originally shown in Figures 1 and 2. Paragraph [0020] contains only clerical changes. Paragraph [0022] was amended to describe elements that were present in Figures 1 and 2, but lacked appropriate reference numerals. While some of the descriptive language added to this paragraph is not expressly contained in the Figures, the language also appeared in Paragraph [0010] as filed. Finally, Paragraph [0023] was amended to correct a few typographical errors with regard to reference numerals.

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With regard to the drawings, Figure 1 has been amended to include additional reference numerals and amend incorrect reference numerals. Figure 1 has also been amended to add a node, remove a superfluous line section, and change two solid lines to dashed lines to comport with the convention used in other portions of the drawings. Figure 2 has been amended to add or amend a few reference numerals.

Submitted herewith is a Petition for a Corrected Filing Receipt showing assignment information for publication purposes as Applicant duly noted assignment information on both the Application Transmittal and Application Data Sheet.

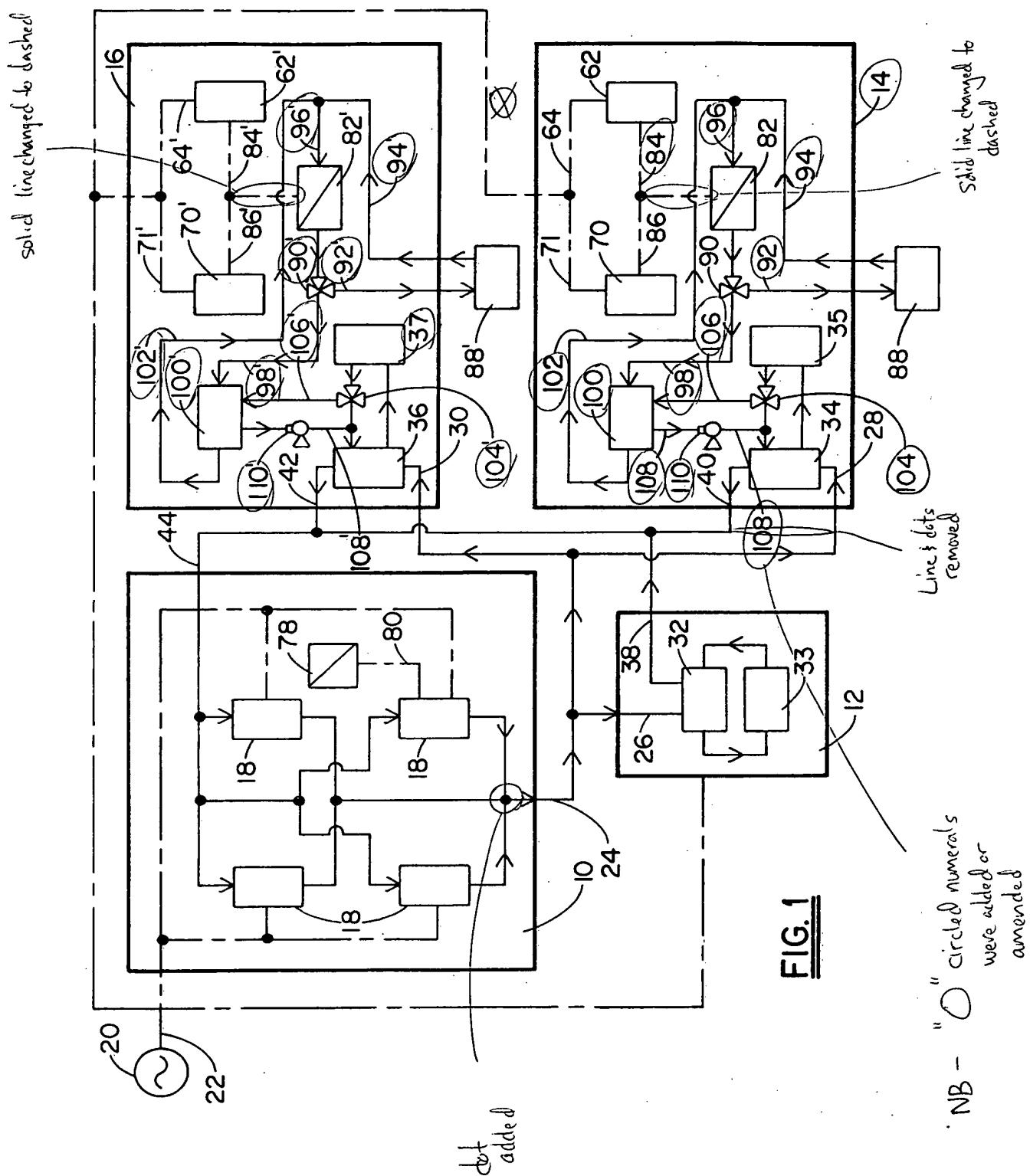
In view of the foregoing amendments as supported by these remarks, the application is believed to be in condition for the Examiner's consideration. If the Examiner believes a phone conference with Applicant's attorney would expedite prosecution of this application, please contact the undersigned at (315) 218-8515.

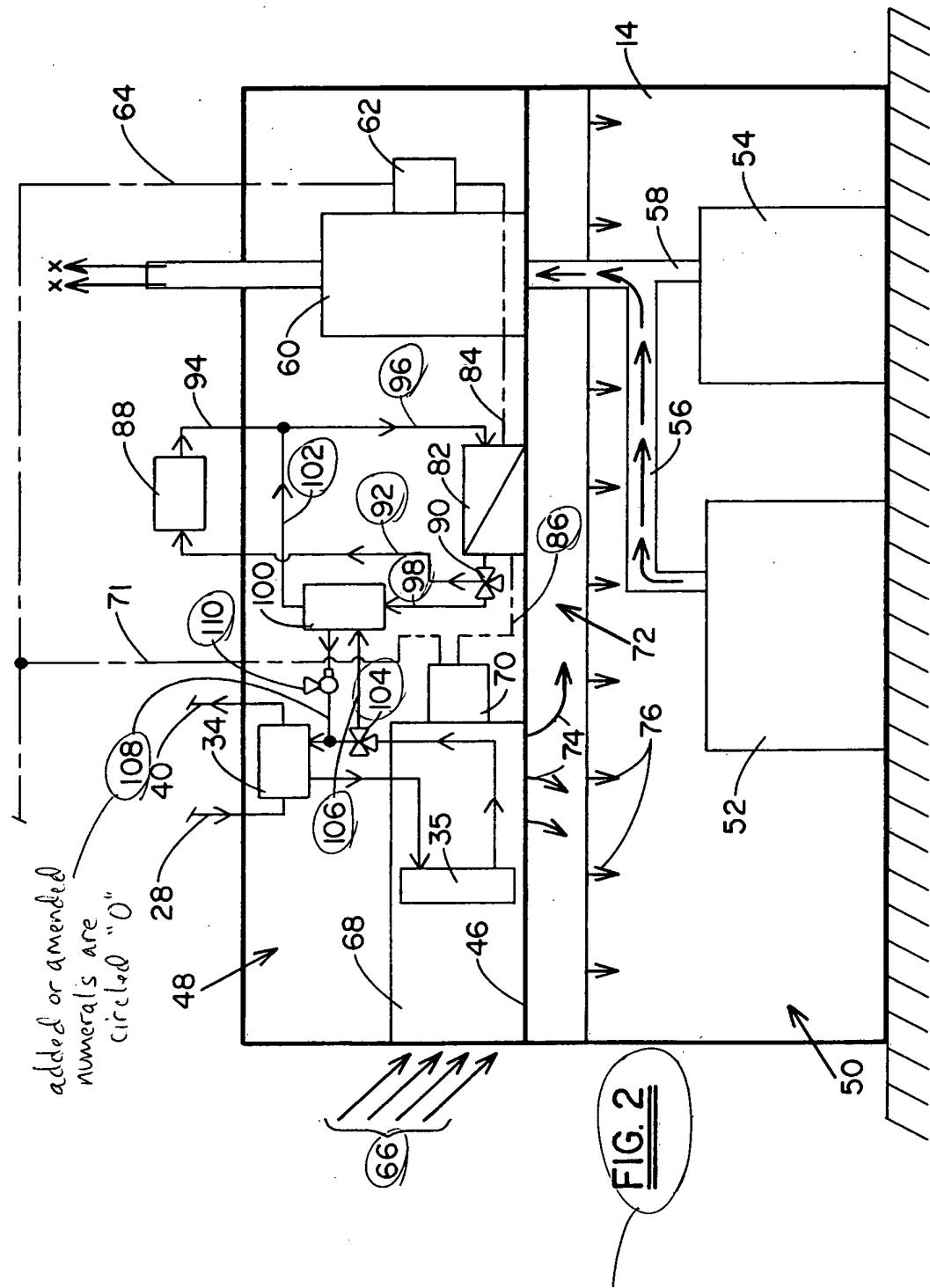
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"FIG. 2" added